

November 5, 2010

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. **Government Finance Officers Association:**

The GFOA has awarded Glastonbury the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current year town budget. The GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. Last year only 1, 200+/- entities nation-wide received this recognition. As you know, Glastonbury is also recognized with the GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting designation. A copy of the press release is attached. Congratulations go to all for this significant achievement.

2. **Blackledge Falls:**

Some time ago I forwarded the new brochure showing the various trails at Blackledge Falls. The new sign with the trail map was recently installed at the site.

3. **Riverfront Park:**

As noted at the last meeting, construction is underway on the Riverfront Park trail extension to Town Hall and the dog park. Work completed includes base material for the trail system, drainage and grading for the dog park. Wood chips will be spread over the dog park area this fall. Other items to be completed include fencing, landscaping, waterline, signs, benches, picnic tables, etc. Weather permitting, work will continue through December. A spring 2011 completion is anticipated.

4. **Budget Schedule:**

Several budget dates are tentatively established as follows:

Pre-Budget Workshop – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2010 - RCC
CIP Workshop - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - RCC
Annual Town Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 27, 2011 – location TBD

5. **Wood Burning Furnaces:**

Per the attached letter, the Town is asked to consider an ordinance prohibiting the use of outdoor wood furnaces (OWF) in Glastonbury. Currently a building permit is required for OWFs. The OWF must be located 200 feet from the nearest neighboring residence and the stack must be higher than the roof peaks of residences within 500 feet.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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attachments